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SUBJECT: MURDER OF CAE MISSION SECRETARY

SUMMARY. CHRISTIANE COSTE, SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR BANDIO (CAE), WAS MURDERED IN EAST HARLEM ON FEB 24 OR FEB 25, WHILE DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED BY UNIFICATION CHURCH OF REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON.

1. CHRISTIANE COSTE, A FRENCH NATIONAL, WHO SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR BANDIO, WAS MURDERED IN EAST HARLEM ON FEB 24 OR FEB 25, WHILE DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED BY UNIFICATION CHURCH OF REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON. (BODY DISCOVERED FEB 25).

2. MS COSTE WAS WELL KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF HOST COUNTRY AFFAIRS UNIT OF USUN AS A DEDICATED, HARD WORKING MEMBER OF CAE MISSION. AMBASSADOR BANDIO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CAE MISSION WOULD FREQUENTLY REQUEST HER TO CONTACT USUN WHEN MISSION HAD TROUBLES OVER NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS OR OTHER PROBLEMS. HER LAST VISIT TO USUN WAS ON JAN 12 ON A PERSONAL MATTER. SHE HAD NOT BEEN PAID FOR SOME TIME BY CAE MISSION AND CALLED TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT AFTER MISSION WORKING HOURS IN ORDER TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR FOOD AND RENT.

3. A DETAILED ARTICLE ON MURDER WRITTEN BY PETER KIHSS APPEARED IN FEB 27 ISSUE OF NEW YORK TIMES. COPY OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO IO/UNP-LOUIS HAGE, AMEMBASSY BANGUI AND AMEMBASSY PARIS.

4. WE HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET TO AMBASSADOR BANDIO AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE.

5. POLICE ARE CONDUCTING FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO APPREHEND MURDERER. FURTHER REPORTS WILL FOLLOW. YOUNG

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